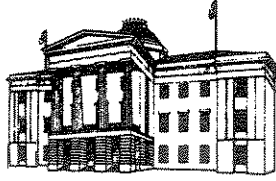


State of North Carolina



MICHAEL F. EASLEY
GOVERNOR

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 144 PROCLAMATION OF A STATE OF EMERGENCY DUE TO TROPICAL STORM HANNA AND HURRICANE IKE

WHEREAS, I have determined that a state of emergency, as defined in N.C.G.S. Chapter 166A exists in the State of North Carolina, due to the approach and proximity of Tropical Storm Hanna and Hurricane Ike.

NOW, THEREFORE, pursuant to the authority vested in me as Governor by the Constitution and the laws of the State of North Carolina, **IT IS ORDERED:**

Section 1. Pursuant to N.C.G.S. §166A-5 , I, therefore, proclaim the existence of a state of emergency in the State.

Section 2. I hereby order all state and local government entities and agencies to cooperate in the implementation of the provisions of this proclamation and the provisions of the North Carolina Emergency Operations Plan.

Section 3. I hereby delegate to Bryan E. Beatty, Secretary of Crime Control and Public Safety, and/or his designee, all power and authority granted to me and required of me by Chapter 166A of the North Carolina General Statutes for the purpose of implementing the said Emergency Operations Plan and to take such further action as is necessary to promote and secure the safety and protection of the populace in North Carolina.

Section 4. Further, Bryan E. Beatty, Secretary of Crime Control and Public Safety, as chief coordinating officer for the State of North Carolina, shall exercise the powers prescribed in G.S. §143B-476.

Section 5. I hereby order this proclamation: (a) to be distributed to the news media and other organizations calculated to bring its contents to the attention of the general public; (b) unless the circumstances of the state of emergency prevent or impede, to be promptly filed with the Secretary of Crime Control and Public Safety, the Secretary of State, and the clerks of superior court in the counties to which it applies; and (c) to be distributed to others as necessary to assure proper implementation of this proclamation.

Section 6. This proclamation shall become effective immediately.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto signed my name and affixed the Great Seal of the State of North Carolina at the Capitol in the City of Raleigh, this fourth day of September in the year of our Lord two thousand and eight, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and thirty-second.



A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Michael F. Easley", written over a horizontal line.

Michael F. Easley
Governor

ATTEST:

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Elaine F. Marshall", written over a horizontal line.

Elaine F. Marshall
Secretary